

Training (from CAA IN-2016/082)

6 Training Organisations Conducting Training for the IMC Rating/IR(R)

6.1 Further to the agreement reached with representatives of the UK GA associations, the CAA has decided to maintain the existing policy that there is no requirement for the IMC Rating/IR(R) training course to be conducted within a Registered Training Facility (RTF) or Approved Training Organisation (ATO) within the airspace and territory of the UK.

Pre-Entry Requirements

- 25 hours post PPL issue (can include 15 hours course)
- 10 hours PIC
- 5 hours Cross Country PIC
- 15 hours instruction from qualified instructor
 - Of which 10 hours flight time solely by reference to instruments

Test / Standards

- Full panel
 - Straight and level flight at given IAS
 - Turns at a given rate
 - Turns onto given headings
 - Climbing and descending (including turns)
 - Recovery from unusual attitudes
 - Recovery from a steep descending turn
 - Recovery from a steep climbing turn
- Limited panel
 - Straight and level flight
 - Turns onto given headings
 - Climbing and descending
 - Recovery from unusual attitudes
 - Recovery from a sustained 45 degree banked turn
 - Recovery from a steep descending turn
 - Recovery from approach to the stall
- Radio navigation
 - Position fixing (to include VOR or ADF or DME)
 - Interception of a given radial
 - Maintenance of given radial for 10 miles)
- Let down and Approaches
 - Led down and approach to DH / MDH (including calculation of that DH / MDH) – one of ILS / LOC / NDB / SRA
 - Missed approach procedure
 - Second type of approach is optional
 - Holding is an optional section, however if ATC ask for a Hold, it will be evaluated by the examiner
- Bad weather circuit
 - Bad weather visual circuit
 - Landing

Renewal / Revalidation

- Only one approach is required if the applicant has completed an approach under the supervision of an instructor during the current rating validity period. In which case a different type of approach is tested in the renewal to the one completed.
- Valid for 25 months to the end of the calendar month of the test date